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## California Institute of Integral Studies

### December, 2016 Alumni Newsletter

**From Richard Buggs,  
Dean of Alumni**

**Alumni Event**

[Journey to Bali](#)



**Co-Sponsored by the Bali  
Institute for Global Renewal,  
March 25 - April 6, 2017**

Dear Alums,

Winter greetings from CIIS. I hope this message finds you thriving - both personally and professionally.

Join CIIS Alumna, Dr.  
Illana Berger, on a  
powerful  
and transformative

President Joe Subbiondo and I had the pleasure of hosting a reunion of alums in New York City last month. Guest speaker Shefali Tsabary (PDT '96) described the importance of her CIIS education and spoke about conscious parenting and read from her third book, *The Awakened Family: A Revolution in Parenting*.

As you may have already heard, Joe is retiring from CIIS in June, 2017. I greatly enjoyed collaborating with him for over the past 17 years and am grateful to him for his vision, leadership and commitment to CIIS. Joe's message follows. Please join me in congratulating him and expressing appreciation for his tireless efforts on behalf of our community. If you wish to send him a note, you may reach him at [jsubbiondo@ciis.edu](mailto:jsubbiondo@ciis.edu).

Sincerely,

*Richard Bugge*

CLN '96

journey. This custom-designed program is a unique opportunity to delve deeply into indigenous culture during one of the most important festivals in the Balinese calendar - Nyepi - The Balinese Hindu New Year devoted to self-reflection, healing, and blessings. For more [information](#)

#### Alumni News



**Nancy Maryboy (ISD '98)** was recently awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International



Dear Alumni,

I am very grateful to have served you as the President of CIIS for the past 17 years. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to lead a university deeply committed to its founding vision to advance a unique model of integral education that continues to draw its inspiration from its founders, Bina and Haridas Chaudhuri.

You are the reasons why CIIS is now poised to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018. As students and now alumni, you committed yourselves to an integral vision of education; and you passionately engaged in an academic process that profoundly transformed you personally and often professionally. You courageously chose an alternative education – one deeply grounded in bridging cultures, honoring multiple ways of knowing, supporting diversity and inclusivity, integrating spirituality, and sustaining the

Awards Program. [For more information](#)

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**Tom Bieri (ICP '93)** of Community Support Network wins Nonprofit Leadership Award by the North Bay Business Journal. [For more information](#)

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planet. Without you, CIIS could never have become the vibrant university it is today.

During my presidency, it has been extremely gratifying to see CIIS grow to 1,500 students, increase its annual budget from 8 to 32 million dollars, develop new relevant academic programs, strengthen and reframe existing programs, acquire the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, purchase and renovate the main building, increase annual fundraising and sponsored projects, cultivate international educational partnerships, enhance visibility through innovative public programs and certificates, and expand the counseling centers and clinics.

Often when I met you as students and alumni, you have said how much you valued the CIIS community. Repeatedly, you mentioned that after graduation you missed the spirited conversations that you had at CIIS. You have always expressed your appreciation to Richard Buggs, Dean of Alumni, and me for arranging alumni gatherings to help you meet CIIS alumni in your communities and renew those conversations once again.

I hope that you will continue to support CIIS. All quality universities rely on the ongoing investment of their alumni, and CIIS is by far no exception. You have generously increased the number of donations and total amount of alumni giving, and I strongly urge you to continue this trend. Like you, other

#### **Dan Feld (MSCM '14)**

was recently featured in the Jerusalem Post.

<http://www.jpost.com/In-Jerusalem/The-young-Chabad-herbalist-457754>

#### **Faculty News**



#### **Arisika Razak is Retiring**

During her time at CIIS, she served as the Director of Integral Health Studies, Director of Diversity, Program Chair and faculty member of Women's Spirituality, and many more other roles.

students seek the transformation of an integral education. CIIS needs to be well resourced to provide sufficient scholarships because it cannot flourish without increasing the number of deserving students.

I am most grateful to the members of the CIIS Board of Trustees for granting me a sabbatical leave for the rest of this academic year and for unanimously awarding me the title *President Emeritus*.

I certainly hope that our paths continue to cross. The memories that I will most cherish from my many years at CIIS are the heartfelt interactions we have enjoyed at CIIS and beyond.

Thank you for all that you have given and will give to CIIS to make it the university it has become and the one it yet aspires to be.

Gratefully, Joe

We will miss her presence, strength, wisdom, and compassion tremendously though we are excited for her as she embarks on a new chapter.

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### ***INTERIM PRESIDENT NAMED***

The Board of Trustees has named Dr. Judie Wexler as Interim President. Judie has served as Academic Vice-President for the past 15 years. Her outstanding administrative and intellectual leadership, as well as her strong commitment to the mission and vision of CIIS will assure the

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advancement of the University and nurture the growth and development of faculty, students, administration and staff.

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